Amendments to the claims:

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Please cancel claims 1 - 4 and 13 - 16, and please amend claims 5, 7, 9 and 11 as follows.

1. (canceled) 2. (canceled) 3. (canceled) 4. (canceled) 5. (currently amended) The zoom lens of claim 1, A zoom lens formed of only four lens groups arranged along an optical axis, in order from the object side, as follows: a first lens group having positive refractive power; a second lens group having negative refractive power; a third lens group having positive refractive power; and a fourth lens group having positive refractive power; wherein the first lens group and the third lens group do not move during zooming; the second and fourth lens groups are moved along the optical axis during zooming; the first lens group includes, in order from the object side, a first lens element having negative refractive power, a second lens element having positive refractive power and a convex lens surface on the object side that is cemented to the first lens element, a third lens element, and a fourth lens element having positive refractive power and a convex lens surface on the object side; the fourth lens group includes, in order from the object side, a first lens element having positive refractive power and a convex lens surface on the object side, a second lens element having a biconcave shape, a third lens element having positive refractive power, and a fourth lens

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18	element having positive refractive power; and
19	the following conditions are satisfied:
20	$\underline{\mathbf{v}_{d1}} < 45$
21	$N_{d2} < 1.52$
22	$\underline{v_{d2}} \ge 63$
23	where
24	v_{d1} is the Abbe number of the first lens element of the first lens group at the d-line,
25	N _{d2} is the refractive index of the second lens element of the first lens group at the d-line,
26	<u>and</u>
27	v_{d2} is the Abbe number of the second lens element of the first lens group at the d-line.
1	6. (original) The zoom lens of claim 5, wherein the fourth lens group consists of the first lens
2	element, the second lens element, the third lens element, and the fourth lens element.
1	7. (currently amended) The zoom lens of claim 2, A zoom lens formed of only four lens groups
2	arranged along an optical axis, in order from the object side, as follows:
3	a first lens group having positive refractive power;
4	a second lens group having negative refractive power;
5	a third lens group having positive refractive power; and
6	a fourth lens group having positive refractive power;
7	wherein
8	the first lens group and the third lens group do not move during zooming;
9	the second and fourth lens groups are moved along the optical axis during zooming;
10	the first lens group includes, in order from the object side, a first lens element having
11	negative refractive power, a second lens element having positive refractive power and a convex
12	lens surface on the object side that is cemented to the first lens element, a third lens element, and
13	a fourth lens element having positive refractive power and a convex lens surface on the object
14	side;

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15 the first lens group consists of the first lens element, the second lens element, the third 16 lens element, and the fourth lens element; 17 the fourth lens group includes, in order from the object side, a first lens element having 18 positive refractive power and a convex lens surface on the object side, a second lens element 19 having a biconcave shape, a third lens element having positive refractive power, and a fourth lens 20 element having positive refractive power; and 21 the following conditions are satisfied: 22 $v_{d1} < 45$ $N_{d2} < 1.52$ 23 $v_{d2} > 63$ 24 25 where 26 $v_{\rm dl}$ is the Abbe number of the first lens element of the first lens group at the d-line, 27 N_{d2} is the refractive index of the second lens element of the first lens group at the d-line, 28 and 29 v_{d2} is the Abbe number of the second lens element of the first lens group at the d-line. 1 8. (original) The zoom lens of claim 7, wherein the fourth lens group consists of the first lens 2 element, the second lens element, the third lens element, and the fourth lens element. 1 9. (currently amended) The zoom lens of claim 3, A zoom lens formed of only four lens groups 2 arranged along an optical axis, in order from the object side, as follows: 3 a first lens group having positive refractive power; 4 a second lens group having negative refractive power; 5 a third lens group having positive refractive power; and 6 a fourth lens group having positive refractive power; 7 wherein 8 the first lens group and the third lens group do not move during zooming;

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9 the second and fourth lens groups are moved along the optical axis during zooming; 10 the first lens group includes, in order from the object side, a first lens element having 11 negative refractive power, a second lens element having positive refractive power and a convex 12 lens surface on the object side that is cemented to the first lens element, a third lens element, and 13 a fourth lens element having positive refractive power and a convex lens surface on the object 14 side; 15 the fourth lens group includes, in order from the object side, a first lens element having positive refractive power and a convex lens surface on the object side, a second lens element 16 17 having a biconcave shape, a third lens element having positive refractive power, and a fourth lens 18 element having positive refractive power; and 19 the following conditions are satisfied: 20 $v_{d1} < 45$ $N_{d2} < 1.52$ 21 $v_{d2} > 63$ 22 $6 < f_1 / f_w < 15$ 23 24 where 25 \underline{v}_{dl} is the Abbe number of the first lens element of the first lens group at the d-line, 26 N_{d2} is the refractive index of the second lens element of the first lens group at the d-line; 27 v_{d2} is the Abbe number of the second lens element of the first lens group at the d-line; 28 $\underline{f_1}$ is the composite focal length of the first lens group, and 29 f_w is the focal length of the entire four-group zoom lens at the wide-angle end. 1 10. (original) The zoom lens of claim 9, wherein the fourth lens group consists of the first lens 2 element, the second lens element, the third lens element, and the fourth lens element. 1 11. (currently amended) The zoom lens of claim 4. A zoom lens formed of only four lens groups 2 arranged along an optical axis, in order from the object side, as follows: 3 a first lens group having positive refractive power;

4	a second lens group having negative retractive power;
5	a third lens group having positive refractive power; and
6	a fourth lens group having positive refractive power;
7	wherein
8	the first lens group and the third lens group do not move during zooming;
9	the second and fourth lens groups are moved along the optical axis during zooming;
10	the first lens group includes, in order from the object side, a first lens element having
11	negative refractive power, a second lens element having positive refractive power and a convex
12	lens surface on the object side that is cemented to the first lens element, a third lens element, and
13	a fourth lens element having positive refractive power and a convex lens surface on the object
14.	side;
15	the first lens group consists of the first lens element, the second lens element, the third
16	lens element, and the fourth lens element;
17	the fourth lens group includes, in order from the object side, a first lens element having
18	positive refractive power and a convex lens surface on the object side, a second lens element
19	having a biconcave shape, a third lens element having positive refractive power, and a fourth lens
20	element having positive refractive power; and
21	the following conditions are satisfied:
22	$\underline{v}_{d1} < 45$
23	$N_{d2} < 1.52$
24	$\underline{v}_{d2} > 63$
25	$6 < f_1 / f_w < 15$
26	where
27	v_{d1} is the Abbe number of the first lens element of the first lens group at the d-line,
28	N _{d2} is the refractive index of the second lens element of the first lens group at the d-line,
29	v_{d2} is the Abbe number of the second lens element of the first lens group at the d-line,
30	f_1 is the composite focal length of the first lens group, and
31	f_{w} is the focal length of the entire four-group zoom lens at the wide-angle end.

I	12. (original) The zoom lens of claim 11, wherein the fourth lens group consists of the first l
2	element, the second lens element, the third lens element, and the fourth lens element.
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Ì	17. (original) The zoom lens of claim 5, wherein at least one of the lens surfaces of the lens
2	elements of the third lens group and the fourth lens group is aspheric.
1	18. (original) The zoom lens of claim 6, wherein at least one of the lens surfaces of the lens
2	elements of the third lens group and the fourth lens group is aspheric.
1	19. (original) The zoom lens of claim 7, wherein at least one of the lens surfaces of the lens
2	elements of the third lens group and the fourth lens group is aspheric.
1	20. (original) The zoom lens of claim 8, wherein at least one of the lens surfaces of the lens
2	elements of the third lens group and the fourth lens group is aspheric.